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Letter to Superintendents and Library Media Specialists

A letter was mailed to superintendents and library media specialists the middle of December. The topics of the letter included:

- Standards for School Library Media Centers
- Building Collection Improvement Plans
- Misconceptions
- Thanks and Congratulations

Included in the mailing was a copy of the letter mailed to all superintendents and LMSs on June 4, 1997 concerning the “new” LMC Standards and a sample Building Collection Improvement Plan. In case you have not unearthed your letter, you may access the mailing at www.dese.state.mo.us/divimprove/curriculum/lmcindex.htm in the top section: Standards.

Show Me Connection: Research Project

Show Me Connection is a joint venture between the State Library, MASL, and the Department. Lisa Whitacre and other project staff from Quantitative Resources spoke during the MASL Fall Seminar. At the time of the seminar, they had approximately 800 names in the contact list (from the listserv application). Thanks to all the LMSs who gave extra effort completing the survey. Information concerning the results will be available at the spring MASL Conference.

Dream of the Pacific

Educational Offerings in Commemoration of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial 2004-2006

Study Guides

Description: Includes 25 multi-disciplinary lessons keyed to the national standards for grades 4-10 written by Dr. Martha Henry.

Available: May 1, 2003

Formats: Hard copy (\$10) or download from www.lewisandclarkopera.org

Web site: www.lewisandclarkopera.org

Description: Will include libretto, biographical information on and interviews with composer and design teams, photos of sets and costumes, study guide, complete taped performance of *Dream of the Pacific* (available September 2004), listserv for students to interact with other students along the trail (available in fall 2004), links to other key educational Lewis and Clark web sites. Only registered classes will have access to the listserv.

Available: Available May 1, 2003 with continued additions and updates through 2006.

Video Cassettes

Description: Taped live performance of *Dream of the Pacific* with a 20-minute backstage look at the making of the opera.

Available: September 2004

Cost: Free

Teacher Workshop

Description: A week-long teacher training workshop focusing on the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, with an emphasis on the young people's opera, *Dream of the Pacific*.

Participants will be acquainted with the opera, curriculum, teaching strategies and ways in which Opera Theatre can assist teachers in their particular school setting.

Available: June 23-27, 2003

Cost: \$100 (graduate credit and housing is also available through the University of Missouri-St. Louis)

Lewis and Clark Opera Camp for Kids

Description: Suitable for students entering grades 4-6. A week-long day camp June 7-11, 2004 at Webster Groves High School to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The Opera Theatre of Saint Louis has commissioned a Young People's opera titled *Dream of the Pacific* which tells the story of Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, York and the Corps.

epic journey. Accompanying the opera is a comprehensive grade 4-10 curriculum keyed to the national standards. As educators look for new approaches in teaching the subject of Lewis and Clark, these resources will serve as unique vehicles in accomplishing that goal. Registration is limited to 150 participants.
Cost: To be determined.

Dream of the Pacific Performances

Description: Told through the eyes of Sacagawea and Lewis and Clark, the story describes Sacagawea's reunion with her brother, the death of Charles Floyd, the only member to die on the journey, and the climactic achievement of reaching the Pacific Ocean. The epic nature and grandeur of their journey, natural phenomena, diversity, obstacles and discoveries are emphasized.

St. Louis Student Performances (2004)

February 5-6, 10-12 @ 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. each day

Performances to be held at the Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park concurrently with the National Lewis and Clark Exhibit at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and an Osage Indian Art Exhibit at the Art Museum. Tickets are \$6 for students and adults.

St. Louis World Premiere Performances (2004)

June 11 and 18 @ 7 p.m.: June 12 and 19 @ 4 p.m.

June 15 @ 10 a.m.: June 19 @ 1 p.m.

Performances to be held at the Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park concurrently with the National Lewis and Clark Exhibit at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and an Osage Indian Art Exhibit at the Art Museum.

For camp and/or workshop registration, ticket reservations, copies of the study guide and/or video, or for more information about any of Opera Theater's Lewis and Clark programs, contact:

Opera Theatre of Saint Louis

Attn: Education Department

P.O. Box 191910, St. Louis, MO 63119

314/963-4248 or 248@opera-stl.org

Spring Conference: Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL)

The MASL Spring Conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A. The dates for the conference are March 30 through April 1, 2003. The conference registration, which includes four meals, will be \$180. Conference registration without meals will be \$80. For more information, visit the MASL website. Detailed information and registration information is available.

<http://maslonline.org>

I will present the following sessions:

"Third Cycle MSIP"

Discussion of Third Cycle MSIP and the requirements for library media centers. Sample policies and forms will be presented.

“Third Cycle MSIP Questions & Answers Session”

Lisa Walters will answer your questions regarding the Third Cycle MSIP process.

“What Counts on the Library Standards?”

Discussion of the Library Standards and the procedures for completing the State Report will be presented.

“What Counts on the Library Standards? Questions & Answers Session”

Do you have questions about what can be counted, what to do after the numbers are recorded, or deadlines for the Library Standards Report? If so, this question and answer session is for you.

“Copyright Questions and Answers Session”

Do you have questions about what may be copied and used for instruction? Do you wonder about how to comply with the copyright laws? If so, this question and answer session is for you.

The following two sessions will be very informative and I encourage you to attend.

“Grants Available for Libraries and Librarians”

Presenters Sara Parker and Linda Esser

What grant money is available to librarians? Sara Parker and Linda Esser will share their knowledge about what grant money is available and how to apply for the grants. How can you improve your chances for securing that much needed additional funding?

“Show Me Connections Research Results”

Presenter Lisa Whitacre, Quantitative Resources

The State of Missouri’s School Library Impact study, *Show Me Connections*, will be discussed. Find out what this study says about school libraries in the state of Missouri.

Interesting Web Sites

www.school-library.org

Developed by Carol Simpson, this site includes Facilities and Copyright Resources, Internet Reference Sites, Multicultural Projects, and reviews of both print and non-print materials.

www.school-library.org/csimpson/simpsonform.html

Developed by Carol Simpson, this site is an on-line calculator to help you “determine the number of computers that will provide adequate access in facilities of every grade level and academic orientation.”

www.dese.state.mo.us/divimprove/curriculum/lmcindex.htm

Third-Cycle MSIP resources are available to assist you in preparing for the district MSIP review. Two recent additions:

- Report Writing Form with Instructions and Definitions. This resource may be used step-by-step to create the needed documentation.

- Sample Goals and Objectives

<http://emints.more.net/ethemes/>

eThemes is an online database of more than 600 age-appropriate Internet resources organized by topic. EMINTS teachers make requests for new resources, but the searchable database is available for all educators' use. Make sure you “market” this resource to all the classroom teachers.

Federal Money – Title V

For several years, libraries have been able to use Title VI money to purchase materials. Title VI was eliminated fall 2003 and replaced with Title V. According to Randy Rook, Director of Federal Grants Management, allowable activities include, **among other things:**

- professional development and class-size reduction activities
- community service programs
- consumer, economic, and personal finance education
- public school choice
- programs to hire and support school nurses
- school-based mental health services
- alternative education programs
- pre-kindergarten programs
- academic intervention programs
- programs for CPR training in schools
- smaller learning communities programs
- activities to advance student achievement
- programs and activities that use best practice models
- same-gender schools and classrooms
- service-learning activities
- school safety programs
- programs that use research-based cognitive and perceptual development approaches and rely on a “diagnostic-prescriptive model” to improve student learning
- Title I supplemental educational services
- magnet schools
- dropout prevention
- gifted and talented education
- parental and community involvement

While the purchase of library materials is not specifically listed, it is possible to support the listed activities with library purchases.

Educational Technology Conference 2003

The 2003 Missouri Educational Technology Conference: Teacher-Driven Technology will be held October 19-21, at Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, Missouri. The Conference is co-sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and MOREnet. The three strands are teacher, administrator, and technical.

Median and Average Per Pupil Expenditure for Missouri School LMCs 1997-2002

MEDIAN		AVERAGE	
1997	\$17.94	1997	\$40.54
1998	\$10.70	1998	\$18.24
1999	\$21.63	1999	\$28.30
2000	\$21.88	2000	\$28.29
2001	\$24.35	2001	\$30.26
2002	\$24.99	2002	\$33.10

Recommended Per Pupil Expenditure 1998-2002

According to the *Standards for Missouri School Library Media Centers*, the **recommended** per pupil expenditure is at least 1% of the state average per eligible student expenditure.

YEAR	1% EQUAL TO
1998-1999	\$59.06
1999-2000	\$62.96
2000-2001	\$67.52
2001-2002	\$69.91

Recommended Expenditures for the LMC – DESE Web Site

To find information concerning Average Expenditures per student on the web, visit <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/schooldata/>. Choose your district. Choose School Finance Data* (right side of page). Below is a sample of the page you will see. Scroll to the bottom of the table to the **Current Exp per ADA** cell. ADA = Average Daily Attendance. The left half of the page is specific to your district for the past five years. The right half reports the state averages for the past five years. To determine the 1% recommended amount for library expenditures, scroll to the far right (last year available in the sample is 2001-02). You will see the Current Expenditure per ADA for the state. Multiply that number times .01 (1%).

Finance Report, 1998-2002										
District name					Missouri					
Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Fall Enrollment	705	718	720	687	680	893,591	895,530	894,843	894,032	890,456
Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch (%)	26.01	23.54	23.32	22.83	26.41	35.27	35.69	36.33	36.82	38.20
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	682.07	664.41	661.63	637.37	643.71	830,636.58	835,204.38	834,386.71	835,055.11	841,632.75
Rate of Attendance (%)	98.00	94.20	94.60	95.70	96.30	93.1	93.0	93.6	93.3	93.8
Total Expenditures	\$3,216,346	\$3,527,547	\$3,800,229	\$4,298,967	\$4,536,294	\$6,091,843,123	\$6,491,035,542	\$6,931,570,962	\$7,394,195,595	\$7,873,364,168
Total Current Exp.	\$2,568,698	\$2,873,438	\$3,077,268	\$3,496,698	\$3,662,280	\$4,671,532,278	\$4,937,193,707	\$5,259,403,913	\$5,650,876,417	\$5,883,801,197
Current Exp per ADA	\$3,766.03	\$4,324.80	\$4,651.04	\$5,486.14	\$5,689.33	\$5,624	\$5,911	\$6,303	\$6,767	\$6,991

Gateway Readers Award List for 2003-2004
Submitted by Sally Hatton

Black Mirror	Werlin, Nancy	Dial Books for Young Readers, 2001
Breathing Underwater	Finn, Alex	HarperCollins, 2001
I Am Morgan le Fay: a Tale from Camelot	Springer, Nancy	Penguin Putnam, 2001
Land	Taylor, Mildred	Penguin Putnam, 2001
Of Sound Mind	Ferris, Jean	Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2001
Razzle	Wittlinger, Ellen	Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2001
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Brashares, Ann	Delacorte, 2001
Slap Your Sides	Kerr, M.E	HarperCollins, 2001
Step from Heaven	Na, An	Front Street, 2001
Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaelsen, Ben	HarperCollins, 2001
True Believer	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Atheneum, 2001
Whale Talk	Crutcher, Chris	HarperCollins, 2001
What My Mother Doesn't Know	Sones, Sonya	Simon & Schuster, 2001
Witness	Hesse, Karen	Scholastic Press, 2001
You Don't Know Me	Klass, David	FS&G, 2001
Zazoo	Mosher, Richard	Clarion Books, 2001

Show-Me TechKnowledge Day

Fifteen educational technology exhibits from various programs and school districts throughout Missouri will be showcased in the Third Floor Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol. Exhibits will be displayed from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on February 26, 2003.

Our state legislators, educators, students and others will have the opportunity to see how technology is currently being used in Missouri schools to enhance learning and improve student achievement.

The mission of the Show-Me TechKnowledge Day is to demonstrate to all of our legislators the importance of using technology in educating our children and to demonstrate technology in the classroom. Representatives from various educational groups, businesses, and organizations throughout the state are supporters of the Show-Me TechKnowledge Day. Contact Bobbi Weekley at computerhelp@ktis.net for more information about this year's event.

Mark Twain Award List 2003-2004
Submitted by Alice Neal

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER	GRADES
Avi	Don't You Know There's A War On?	HarperCollins	4 th - 6 th
Avi	The Good Dog	Atheneum	3 rd - 6 th
Clements	Andrew the School Story	Simon & Schuster	4 th - 6 th
Davis, C.L.	The Christmas Barn	Pleasant Company	4 th - 6 th
Fogelin, Adrian	Anna Casey's Place in the World	Peachtree	4 th - 6 th
Graff, Nancy	A Long Way Home	Clarion	5 th - 7 th
Hobbs, Will	Down the Yukon	HarperCollins	5 th - 8 th
Holt, Kimberly	Willis Dancing in Cadillac Light	G.P. Putnam's Sons	5 th - 8 th
MacDonald, Amy	No More Nasty	Farrar Straus Giroux	4 th - 6 th
Martin, Ann M	Belle Teal	Scholastic	4 th - 6 th
Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	HarperCollins	7 th - 8 th
Morris, Gerald	Parsifal's Page	Houghton Mifflin	5 th - 8 th
Nicholson, Dorinda M.	Pearl Harbor Warriors	Woodson	5 th - 8 th
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard	Clarion	5 th - 8 th
Peck, Richard	Fair Weather	Dial	5 th - 8 th
Smith, Roland	Zach's Lie	Hyperion	5 th - 8 th
Spooner, Michael	Daniel's Walk	Henry Holt	6 th - 8 th
Wiles, Deborah	Love, Ruby Lavender	Gulliver/Harcourt	4 th - 7 th
Wilson, Nancy	Hope Mountain Pose	Farrar Straus Giroux	5 th - 7 th
Zindel, Paul	The Gadget	HarperCollins	6 th - 8 th

Pearl Harbor Warriors – Title on the Mark Twain Award List

I have received word librarians are having a difficult time locating this title. You may contact <http://www.pearlharborchild.com/warriorsbook.html>. It is available at the author's website www.pearlharborchild.com or 1-800-555-2693. They will autograph the book if you desire. The email address is dorinda@pearlharborchild.com.

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